RULING REDUCES STANDARD'S FINE

Judge Anderson Lowers Maximum in Celebrated Case by \$28,520,000.

REGARDED AS BLOW TO THE GOVERNMENT

Indiana for alleged rebating to-day, The ruling was informal, and made for the purpose of expediting the hearing, and although the government has the privilege of presenting further arguments, it is practically certain that

there will be no change in the ruling when it is formally entered.

The decision of the Court of Appeals, which reversed Judge Landis, eliminated the view of that jurist that each carload of oil on which a robate was accepted constituted a separate

There were 1,462 of these car lots, There were 1,462 of these car lots, the freight charges for which were paid in thirty-six different settlementa. Judge Anderson interpreted the decision of the appellate court, which he said served as his guide, to imply that these alleged rebates, accepted after each of the thirty-six settlements, conjustitute the unit of offense.

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Judge Anderson's ruining was a severe blow to United States District Atterney Sims and his associates in the prosecution. He and his assistant, James H. Wilkerson, had argued that each shipment, of which there were 500, making possible a maximum fine of \$10,000,000, constituted an offense. This view Judge Anderson declared he could not understand. He said that it had not been made plain what comprised a shipment—a trainload, a carlot or a gallon.

He saw no reason why, if a train-pad or a car lot, were regarded as a eparate offense, the matter might ot be further divided, making a hungreatly increasing the number of of-fenses and magnifying the punishment. The division of alleged offenses, he said, seemed to fall naturally into thirty-six parts, or counts, each marked off by a money settlement. It was these settlements that rebates, if

were made and received.

Wilkerson argued that the fine h would be possible under the ts ruling would serve merely as a se to a great corporation. On point Judge Anderson said, in

is a consideration which has "That is a consideration which has no weight with me whatever. I am not concerned with the effectiveness of the statutes, but with their interpretation and application.
"If the view that I have taken has the effect that has been stated, that is a matter for the lawmakers to consider. If their laws are inadequate, let them supply a remedy."

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HIS TROUBLES O'ER

Mr. Taft Completes His Cablust, and Euloys Himself. NEW YORK, February 25,—All qual-fications of uncertainty in the predic-tion that Franklin MacVeagh, of Chicage, has been selected by Mr. Taft as his Secretary of the Treasury are hereby removed. Mr. MacVeagh accepted the place yesterday, and thereby the Taft Cabinet was made complete, as heretofore announced by the Associated Press.

ciated Press.

No official or unofficial declaration of Afr. MacVeagh's appointment is to be made by Mr. Taft until he promulgates his entire Cabinet. But in this case, as in other notices of appointments, the facts are known to be cor-

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Ruling Was Informal, and Made Merely to Expedite the Hearing—If Incorrect, Lawmakers
Must Supply
Remedy.

CHICAGO. February 35.—From Judge Landis's fine of \$29,240,000 to a possible maximum fine of \$720,000 is a far cry, but that is admitted to be the meaning of a ruling made by Judge Anderson, in the retrial of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana for alloged rebating to-day.

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Russia Hopes for Alliance With Amer-ica in Far East. ST. PETERSBURG, February 25.— The Foreign Office is anxious to avoid conflict with China over the Har-situation, but, unfortunately, this

bin situation, but, unfortunately, this matter is, as a result of a division of administration, in the hands of the Ministry of Finance.

A solution is advocated in influential quarters on a basis satisfactory to the United States—namely, the limitation of the railroad administration strictly to the terms of the original contract, which contemplates exercise within the railroad zone of the functions necessary to the operation and defense of the line, not full control of the trading centres of Northern Manchuria, which the railroad authorities are now assuming. This solution is strongly opposed by the railroad people, who, since the granting of their contract, have manoeuved consistently to enlarge the scope of their privileges.

The question must be ultimately submitted to the cabinet for discussion, and the Foreign office hopes that if its view prevails the outcome will lay the basis for a close Russo-American accord in Far Eastern affairs.

ASSAIL COTTON GAMBLING

Witnesses Assert Dealing in Futures Worse Than Monte Carlo. ton and grain futures as victous gamblers, freebooters and buccaneers, and claiming that the gambling in cotton is worse than at Monte Carlo. C. T. Ladson, of Atlanta, Ga., counsel for the Farmer's Union, addressed the House Committee on Agriculture today on legislation proposed to brevent dealing in cotton and grain futures.

Representative Macon, of Arkansas, who is the author of one of the bills that has been introduced, also addressed the committee. Mr. Ladson declared that the cotton speculators hold 38,000,000 bales of cotton, although the production was about 12,000,000 bales, in 1908, he said, it was estimated that 100,000,000 bales were sold on the exchanges, while the actual cotton production was only 12,000,000 to 14,000,000 bales. H. W. Summer, of Dallas, Tex, the attorney for the Texas Farmers' Union, also appeared before the committee.

RAISE CIGARETTE PRICES

Retail Dealers Get Together and Agree Upon the Plan.

NEW YORK, February 25.—As the result of conferences by prominent cigarette dealers throughout the country the price of cigarettes, it is stated, is about to be raised. The increase will be one only in the sense that standard prices are to be restored on brands that during the past few years have been selling in nearly all cigar

ITS EXAMINATION

Colonel Cooper Was on the Stand Nearly Two Whole Days.

TOOK STAND AGAINST ADVICE OF COUNSEL

Repartee, Was Easily the Most Striking Feature of the Trial. Overrides Counsel in Answering Ques-

tions.

Nashville, Tenn., February 25.—
After nearly two days, under one of the most searching cross-examinations ever heard in a Tennessee

Washington, February 25.—
Viriolic denunciation of the secret service of the Treasury afternoon and last night, the Department was uttered in the House Council Committee on Water adopted

That the killing resulted.

Most Striking Feature.

The examination of Colonel Cooper is easily the most striking feature of the trial thus far. The colonel has the reputation of being high-spirited and easily moved to anger. It was common rumor that he took the stand against the advice of his counsel. However, in Tennessee the defendant who does not take the stand is looked upon with

displays of temper and disregarded the orders of his own counsel. The State's attorney, to add to his annoyance, jumped from one point of his narrative to another, asked disconnected and involved questions, but at 4 P. M. gave up the task and left the witness, personner of the venom he possessed. The only Assassination. "The only President assassinated since the secret service men were detailed to watch the President," he said, "was when President McKinley was shot down at Euffalo, with a secret service man by his side, who was the service man by his side, who was the service man by his side, who was the service man by the side who was the service men were described to watch the President assassinated since the secret service men were described to watch the President." tive to another, asked disconnected and involved questions, but at 4 P. M. gave up the task and left the witness, perspiring, flushed and angered, but self-sustained. Counsel for the defense stated that they required a few hours to meet the new charges brought by the State, and promised to make the redirect examination very brief. Upon this assurance Judge Hart ordered an adjournment until to-morrow morning.

When court opened Judge Hart ainnounced that he would refuse as evidence the Lancet editorial, which the last or better the cancet determines as evidence the Lancet editorial, which the

SECRET SERVICE

Congressmen Also Indulge in Some Sharp Language Towards President.

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To Lie is Requisite.

He vehemently declared, in speaking of the secret service, that it was a matter of common knowledge that one of the requisites of a detective, was that he should be a common liar. The secret service agencies and post-office detectives, he said, were not so high and lofty that they should be the subject of admiration among a free jeot of admiration among a free peo ple.

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Immediately after Colonel Cooper is inally dismissed from the stand, Governor Patterson and his Adjutant-General, Colonel Tulley Brown, will be called to tell what part they played in this political tragedy. Colonel Brown the President's strictures upon members of the Council on Monday night and there waged with bitterness. The opposition, both within and without the committee, has centred on the award which came fifth in the first report of the council on Monday night and there waged with bitterness. The opposition, both within and without the committee, has centred on the said, there waged with bitterness. The opposition, both within and without the committee, has centred on the said there waged with bitterness. The opposition, both within the first report of the Council on Monday night and there waged with bitterness. The opposition, both with

the advice of his counsel. However, in Tennessee the defendant who does not take the stand is looked upon with suspicion. Nevertheless, all efforts of the State to confuse the witness on the subject matter of his direct examination failed.

The prosecution did some execution in its efforts to show that Colonel Cooper, as clerk and master in chancery, was short \$100,000, and that a legislative investigating committee charged that a defaulting State treasurer used nearly \$100,000 of the States funds in promoting a Mexican silver mine and a walnut log company which Colonel Cooper managed.

Faulty Office System.

The winess insisted, however, that every doilar of the chancery shortage, due to a faulty office system, had been repaid, and that he did not know that the suate Treasurer, M. T. Polk, was using the State's funds in the investments.

Colonel Cooper to-day gave frequent displays of temper and disregarded the orders of his own counsel. The State's attorney, to add to his annoyance, jumped from one point of his narrative to another, asked disconnected and tive to another, asked disconnected and any contract of the chancery should be seened to throw into his remarks attorney, to add to his annoyance, jumped from one point of his narrative to another, asked disconnected and the contract of the chancery and the contract and the contract of his own counsel. The State's attorney, to add to his annoyance, jumped from one point of his narrative to another, asked disconnected and the contract of the contract of the content of his narrative to another, asked disconnected and the contract of the

substance of it was that while he had not prepared detailed drawings and specifications he would guarantee to build the city a watertight flume.

The board of engineers, consisting of Superintendent Davis, of the Water Department; Building Inspector Beck, City Engineer Boiling and Consulting Engineer Johnston, submitted a lengthy report, reaffirming its recommendation of the Pledmont award, and reviewing the other offers in detail.

The Burgwap Proposal.

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DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL

VOTES FOR RICHMOND

SAVANNAH, GA., February 25.—T Savannah Chapter, United Daughters

was done to many of the ships' launches. Nearly a score of these little craft, disabled during the night were tied up at the Old Point dock to-day for repairs.

A number of the boats broke adrift during the night and were rescued with the greatest difficulty. The Minnesota fared the worst of all in damage to her

Girls Were Merely Trying to Kiss the Office Roy.

NEW YORK, February 25.—That Geo. Spencer Millett, a fifteen-year-old boy employed by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, met his death accidentally was decided by a coroner's jury to-day.

Millett, it was shown, was fatally stabbed by failing on an ink eraser which he carried in his pocket during a frolic with girl stenographers in the company's offices.

Miss Gertrude Robbins was the chief witness. Her testimony, which she gave with considerable embarrassment, agave with considerable embarrassment, kiss the lad as many times as he was years old on his fifteenth birthday.

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Duties Are Cellected.

Custom-house officers boarded the ships of the fleet to-day and collected a considerable sum of money from those officers who had made purchases by read to excess of the 100 worstand.